2019 Partition Center Conference
October 19, 2019 at the Partition Center Office,
Jamaica, Queens, New York City

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The 72nd anniversary of the partition of British India, as well as the 72nd anniversary of the independence of India and Pakistan, and 48th Anniversary of Bangladesh independence and Pakistan's partition's was held at the Indian Partition Center Office in New York City’s Jamaica neighborhood of Queens borough on Saturday, October 19th. Like every year, the much-anticipated 2019 ISPaD Partition Center Journal, ISSN 2377-7567, was released on that day.

At the commencement of the conference attendees paid homage to Mahatma Gandhi on his 150th birth anniversary, as well for the upcoming 100th birth anniversary of the Father of the Nation and the Architect of the Independent Bangladesh, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

After breakfast, ISPaD Chair Dr. Sachi G. Dastidar opened the event by welcoming all to the conference. New York City Councilman Honorable Barry Gordonchick addressed the opening ceremony. Mr. Gordonchik, of Jewish descent, referred to his family's departure from Europe and individuals lost during Holocaust, saying that “leaving one’s ancestral country is never desirable to anyone.” Appreciating the work of Partition Center, he wished “Dastidar for continued success at the Partition Center, and assured of cooperation.”

Immediately after his presentation 2019 Partition Center Journal was released by ISPaD Board Members Dr. Sachi G. Dastidar, Dr. Dilip Nath and Dr. Shefali S. Dastidar and by Mr. Gordonchik, to the conference presenters Mr. Khourshedul Islam, Dr. Partha Das, Dr. Alireza Ebrahimi and Mr. Shuvo Roy. The authors of papers pub-
lished in the 2019 journal are, respectively, Prof. Atanu Sarkar, Journalist Arijit Aditya, Prof. Mahindra Singh Seehra, Prof. Sachi G. Dastidar, Author Mr. Sudeepta Das, Prof. Pervaiz Hoodbhoy, and Dr. YoungSoo Cong. Included in the Journal is a report by this writer on the 2018 Conference held at the State University of New York campus at Old Westbury.

Members of the Journal Editorial Committee are: Dr. Sachi G. Dastidar, Editor, of New York; Dr. Alireza Ebrahimi, Long Island; Dr. Edislav Manetovic, New Jersey; Dr. Saradindu Mukherji, India; Dr. Mohsin Siddique, Maryland, and Dr. Caroline Sawyer, Wisconsin.

The first presenter of Season 1, was Mr. Khoursheedul Islam, the Convener of Progressive Forum of the United States, a Bangladeshi-American political activist, delivered an illuminating paper on colonial Divide-and-Rule, "The Policy of Dividing the Masses: the Colonial Era and the 21st Century" in Bengali that was simultaneously and elegantly translated by Dr. Dilip Nath. Participated in the discussion, moderated by Dr. Nath were, Dr. Shefali Dastidar, Dr. Alireza Ibrahimi, and Prof. Sabyasachi Dastidar.

The 2nd session of the conference was presented by New York City School Teacher, Convener of Secular Bangladesh Movement in the U.S., Community Activist, Cultural Organizer, Mr. Shuvo Roy on “The Eastern Tale of Tears”, and indirect results of British-created political-religious divisions. The other presenter on this session was Professor of Economics of St. John's University, New York, Dr. Partha Das who gave a thoughtful presentation on “Partition of India”. Dr. Das highlighted the religious divisions created by the colonial rulers in Sri Lanka, Burma (Myanmar), all over India from Assam to Punjab to Bengal to Jammu-Kashmir and more. He also highlighted the effects of Radcliffe drawing a line in India's map creating a holocaust.

Donation, since June 5, 2019 till December 5, 2019, from largest on down: Drs. Sachi G & Shefali S Dastidar ($1,175), Shuvo & Sarmila Roy, Prof. Dr. Thomas & Teresa Lilly, Dr. Dilip & Dipa Nath, Milita Das, Shuvo & Sumedha Dastidar, Srikanta Mookherji, Prof. Dr. Mohindar S & Harbhajan K Seehra, Jay Hyman, Sheshadri Gupta, Subhra Goswami, Dr. Bhola Banik, Prof. Jill Hamberg, Asok Chakrabarti, Amitabha Chatterjee, Drs. Veena Kapur & Mohsin R Siddique, Khoursheedul Islam, ATN24 TV, Arpan DeAngelo, Dilip Chakravorty (NY), Dr. Alireza Ebrahimi, Sunita Datta, Allison McGoldrick, Dilip Chauhan, Purba Das, Dr. Partha Das, Prof. Dr. Dipak Haldar, and Prof. Dr. Minna Barrett & Shuvo Roy in honor of the Late Dr. Hironmoy Sengupta of India via Facebook,

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2020 Partition Center Journal (ISSN 2377-7567): Call for Papers

The Indian Subcontinent Partition Documentation Project (ISPaD) invites you to send articles, essays, poems, short stories, photographs or documents for the 2020 issue of the Journal. We plan to release the journal during the October 2020 Partition Center Conference. Our past journals contained articles from/on the U.S., India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Palestine-Israel, Poland and Korea of diverse topics from wide geographical areas. Papers could cover such areas as India, Pakistan and Bangladesh partitions; Its consequences; Effects of partition on current socio-politics; Partitions of Bengal, Punjab, Kashmir and Assam; Partition studies; India, Pakistan and Bangladesh independence; partition and/or division of population from Ireland to Cyprus, from the Balkans to Sahel, to Palestine, Mideast, the former Soviet Union, Korea and Africa; Reconciliation and Forgiveness; Unity; Identity; History; Colonial borders; Narratives of refugees, survivors and protectors; First person account; Division’s long-term effects; Minority issues in divided lands; Effects of displaced peoples on host population; Indigenous peoples, their language, culture and religion; Refugee politics; Longing for home; Nationalism; Extremism; Role of Religion; Tolerance and Intolerance; Music, literature and art influencing politics. (We prefer unpublished materials, however, if you have something already published and wants us to consider republication of that, please send us a copy indicating where and when it was published.) All papers and essays must be written double spaced with endnotes and a bibliography following a standard format. It should not exceed 1,800 words; and sent to us by June 1, 2020.

Papers and documents should be sent to ispad1947@gmail.com as attachment to Sachi G. Dastidar, Ph.D. Chair, ISPaD, and Partition Center Journal Committee; (Distinguished Service Professor, Politics, Economics & Law Department, State University of New York, Old Westbury, NY; DastidarS@oldwestbury.edu). Editorial Committee: Dr. Alireza Ebrahimi, Dr. Edislav Manetovic, Dr. Saradindu Mukherji, Dr. Caroline Sawyer, and Dr. Mohsin Siddique.

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Board Member Dr. Tom Lilly added to the debate. The last session was presented by Dr. Alireza Ebrahimi who highlighted the divisions brought about in the Mideast after the Iran-Iraq War, the Gulf War 1 and Gulf War 2.

The Director of the Indian Partition Documentation Center announced the end of the conference, and sought cooperation from all. Then all the attendees joined for Indian lunch.

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Letters from Friends:

Dear ISPaD:

My father, a Sindhi Muslim, was heartbroken by partition. All his Hindu friends migrated. The feeling of tragedy never left him. I can feel your angst; the photos (in ISPaD web and Journal — Editor) say much.

Pervez
(A noted author, columnist and philosopher who teaches in Pakistan and at MIT, USA)

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